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In response to the Office Action of October 8, 2003, please amend the claims to this application as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. Claims 1-17 were pending in this application. Claims 18-31 have been added by this amendment. Claims 1-31 are now pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 9 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Younce et al (United States Patent 6,240,180).

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